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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 15, 2004 and Advisory Action dated July 28, 2004, Applicants hereby submit the following amendments and remarks along with a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for an Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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